

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the present Application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 are allowed. Applicant submits that reasons in addition to those presented by the Examiner exist for the allowability of the claims and Applicant does not necessarily concede to the Examiner's statements regarding any prior art references.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant hereby cancels withdrawn claims 11-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Also, Applicant hereby amends the Abstract and Title. In particular, Applicant has amended the Abstract to delete reference to the non-elected invention, thus bringing the present Abstract into harmony with the invention of the allowed claims. Also, on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Abstract for repeating information given in the title. Since the Title and Abstract must both pertain to the claimed invention, the undersigned contacted the Examiner on August 15, 2008 for clarification. The Examiner indicated that the language used cannot be verbatim, i.e., the first clause of the Abstract should not repeat, verbatim, the Title of the invention. If the present amendment to either the Title or Abstract is not acceptable to the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned for further discussion.

The Examiner additionally requested that the Applicant amend the Summary of the Invention section of the Application to be in harmony with the allowed claims. Accordingly,

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

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Applicant has amended the Summary of the Invention by canceling the paragraphs directed to the non-elected inventions.

Furthermore, the Examiner has objected to claims 5 and 6 for various reasons. Applicant has amended the claims as requested by the Examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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